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**Treasury Department Announces Order Acceptance Date for Gold  
Medallions**

The Treasury Department announced today that the first two gold medallions to be produced under the American Arts Medallion Act will be offered this summer. These are the first two in a series of ten medallions to be sold over the next five years.

Orders for the half-ounce gold medallion, featuring singer Marian Anderson, will be accepted beginning June 16, 1980. Orders for the one ounce gold medallion, featuring painter Grant Wood, will be accepted beginning July 1, 1980. There is a limit of three medallions of each size per individual purchaser in order to insure the maximum opportunity for individual ownership. Treasury anticipates that the ordering period for both of these medallions will continue until August 30, 1980 unless all medallions produced are sold prior to that date.

As authorized by the American Arts Gold Medallion Act (Public Law 95-630), the Treasury Department will offer one million of the half ounce gold medallions and 500,000 of the one ounce gold medallions this year. The one ounce medallion weighs 1.11 troy ounces, contains one fine troy ounce of gold and has a diameter of

1.26 inches. The half ounce medallion weighs 0.555 troy ounces, contains one half fine troy ounce of gold and has a diameter of 1.08 inches.

The daily price of the medallions will be based on the previous day's closing spot price of gold on the New York Commodity Exchange, plus a premium to cover production and distribution costs. The daily price of the medallions will be available on a toll free telephone number to be announced in June. The telephone number will also be printed on the order forms.

In mid-June instructions and forms for ordering medallions will be available at all post offices. Because of the daily price changes, the order date must be validated by a postal clerk when the order is mailed. Payment by U.S. Postal Service Money Order, Certified Check or Cashier's Check will be required.

Orders for the gold medallions will be processed at the San Francisco Old Mint. The medallions will be struck at the West Point Bullion Depository and will be mailed by first class registered mail. Customers can anticipate receiving their order within 8 to 12 weeks after receipt of their order at the San Francisco Old Mint.

Other artists to be featured in the series of half ounce and one ounce medallions include Willa Cather and Mark Twain in 1981; Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Armstrong in 1982; Alexander Calder and Robert Frost in 1983; and John Steinbeck and Helen Hayes in 1984, respectively.

Further information and ordering instructions for the 1980 medallions will be released prior to the opening of the ordering period. Prospective customers are urged not to contact post offices prior to June 16, 1980.